prepared to see that no holiday was given so far as the libraries are concerned and at the same time also see that the library workers' interests are not affected, by appointing more workers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not see any difficulty in giving a holiday for libraries. They may close on a working day when the libraries may not be fully utilized. So, I do not think we should increase the number of workers for that purpose and deny them a holiday."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that a sum of Rs. 5,905 was granted as subsidy. May I know whether this sum was granted for the purchase of books or for meeting recurring expenditure? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For meeting recurring expenditure, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether such subsidies are granted on a uniform scale or whether there are different grades? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there are different grades. For libraries under private managements and co-operative societies, after 1952–53, the grant allowed is Rs. 95, for libraries under panchayats it is Rs. 40 and for libraries run by grama sanghams it is Rs. 25."

*House rent allowance for Shoranur Panchayat Board employees*

* 1678 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Shoranur Major Panchayat Board, South Malabar, on 24th November 1954 requesting the Government to declare Shoranur an urban area and permit payment of house rent allowance to its employees; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The proposal of the Shoranur Panchayat Board contained in its resolution No. 237, dated the 17th November 1954, for payment of a house-rent allowance of Rs. 3 per mensem to its sanitary workers has been approved by Government as a special case."

*Gem Tile works*

* 1679 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Manamadurai Tile Workers' Union regarding the closure of Gem Tile Works belonging to the Madura Manufactories, Limited; and

(*b*) the steps taken to re-open the factory?